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Applicant: Hayes *et al.*

Title: Use of Biologically Active Vitamin D Compounds for the Prevention and Treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2002, in relation to the above-captioned application. The period for response was initially set to expire on February 27, 2003. With the granting of the accompanying petition for 2-month extension of time and fee for the extension of time, the period for response will be extended to April 28, 2003, because April 27, 2003, falls on a Sunday. Accordingly, applicants believe that this response is timely filed. No additional fee is believed to be due for this filing, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said Deposit Account, duplicates of page 1 and the signature page of this response are submitted herewith.